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UM FOSTERS QUALITY
HEAD START PROGRAMS

MISSOULA--

A grant totaling \$31,693 to the University of Montana for the Head Start Regional Training Office will be used to promote quality Head Start Programs, according to Mrs. Janet Roberts, regional training officer for Head Start.

"The RTO will provide technical assistance and consulting services which would best meet the needs of children, staff, parents, volunteers and committees of the State Head Start agencies," said Mrs. Roberts.

The grant was received recently from the Office of Economic Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The local program will be under the direction of the UM Department of Home Economics.

Mrs. Sara C. Steensland, home economics chairman at UM, will be project manager.

Mrs. Roberts said a number of University faculty members will be sent throughout the state to conduct training sessions for the respective Head Start programs.

Mrs. Helga McHugh and Mrs. Sudie Mason, part-time home economics instructors at UM, will be conducting training activities at Elrod School in Kalispell June 11-12. Both women are involved in curricula dealing with early childhood education and music.

Head Start was established in Montana in 1965 to help educate the disadvantaged youngsters in the state.

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